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New Eugene Planning Director Hired

Lisa Gardner has been selected as the City of Eugene's Planning Division Manager. Gardner emerged as the top candidate from number of qualified finalists in a nationwide recruitment process.

Gardner has been with the City of Eugene for two years, first on the transportation planning team in the Public Works Department's Engineering Division, and as the Acting-in-Capacity Planning Division Manager in the Planning and Development Department (PDD) since October 2006. Previously, Gardner worked on regional transportation planning for Lane Transit District from 1995 to 2005, and prior to that was a senior strategic planner with the Lane Council of Governments.

In making the announcement, PDD Director Susan Muir said, "I am very pleased to promote Lisa to this important leadership position. She brings fourteen years of regional and metropolitan planning experience to the position, with a focus on regional problem-solving, project delivery, and public involvement. Lisa has a demonstrated ability to manage complex programs and projects in a wide range of issue areas and contexts, from balancing neighborhood and community concerns to coordinating local, state and federal regulatory compliance."

For the past twelve months, Gardner has led an interdepartmental team of city staff and residents in the development and implementation of a collaborative context sensitive solutions process for the Crest Drive Street Design Project. "Lisa's work with community members, neighborhood groups, and inter-jurisdictional partners provides a demonstration of the essential need for building relationships and developing collaborative approaches to reach successful outcomes," said Muir.

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